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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD
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Organization of Subcommittee on
Mechanical Translation

1. In its Annual Report the Committee on Documentation notified the United States Intelligence Board of its intention to form a subcommittee on mechanical translation (USIB-D-39.3/1, Sec. III, para. I). The USIB having noted CODIB's report on 11 August (USIB-M-52, para. 8), the purpose of this paper is to proceed with the organization of such a subcommittee.

2. To do an effective job for CODIB, it is essential that members of the Mechanical Translation Subcommittee be:

- (a) Closely identified with MT programs sponsored by the US Government; and,
- (b) Professionally competent in the MT field.

This means that in most instances the members will probably not come from within the intelligence organizations themselves but perform this task on behalf of intelligence in view of the paramount need in intelligence for an MT capability at the earliest practicable date.

3. In view of the criteria for membership on the MT Subcommittee, I see no need for representation on it of agencies who have no present program in MT. I do believe, however, that the responsibility of the National Science Foundation in this field makes representation from NSF on the Subcommittee highly desirable. It may also be desirable to have representation from the National Bureau of Standards, but this need not be settled now.

4. I propose that CODIB not specify at this time terms of reference for the MT Subcommittee, but direct as the Subcommittee's first task the drafting of terms of reference together with a program of action for CODIB approval.

5. Action:

Please send nominations in to the Chairman or the Secretary of CODIB as soon as possible. I hope we can launch this new group at our next meeting.

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Chairman

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